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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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## NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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Applicant's or agent's file reference  <b>TX35/79874-1</b>		<b>IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION</b>	
International application No.  <b>PCT/US99/17320</b>	International filing date (day/month/year)  <b>28 JULY 1999</b>	Priority Date (day/month/year)  <b>04 AUGUST 1998</b>	
<p>Applicant  <b>TEXACO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</b></p>			

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.
4. **REMINDER**

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**PATENT COOPERATION TREATY**  
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT**  
**(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)**

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International application No.  PCT/US99/17320	International filing date (day/month/year)  28 JULY 1999	Priority date (day/month/year)  04 AUGUST 1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC Please See Supplemental Sheet.		
Applicant TEXACO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION		

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</li> <li>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets.  <input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).            These annexes consist of a total of <u>0</u> sheets.</li> <li>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</li> <li>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</li> <li>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability</li> <li>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</li> <li>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</li> <li>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</li> <li>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</li> <li>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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Date of submission of the demand  23 FEBRUARY 2000	Date of completion of this report  10 MAY 2000
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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US99/17320

## L Basis of the report

## 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

pages 1-17

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 the claims:

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 the drawings:

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 the sequence listing part of the description:

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## 2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

## 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in printed form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages NONE the claims, Nos. NONE the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5.  This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\*Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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**V. Reasons statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-19</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-19</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-19</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

**2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**

Claims 1-19 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a refractory attachment mountable by a mechanical latching means on a protectable surface of a gasifier with a heat exposure surface. The closest prior art of record is that of Gerhardus et al (US 5,273,212 A) which uses an adhesive to attach a refractory attachment but no mechanical latching means is taught or suggested in the art.

Claims 1-19 have industrial applicability because the protective shield can be used in the fuel processing industry.

**----- NEW CITATIONS -----**

NONE

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**Supplemental Box**

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

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**CLASSIFICATION:**

The International Patent Classification (IPC) and/or the National classification are as listed below:

IPC(7): B01J 7/00; C10B 1/00; C10J 3/00; F27B 5/00, 5/06, 5/08 and US Cl.: 48/61, 89; 202/217, 219, 224